**Mail sorting system**

*172. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) since when the mail-sorting system in the RMS was replaced by the district-centre sorting system;

(b) whether it is a fact that since the inception of the new system the mail transit is suffering from inordinate delays and that some Members of Parliament have drawn his attention to this fact giving specific instances; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to revert to the RMS sorting system so as to eliminate the said mail transit delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The mail sorting system in the RMS has not been replaced but supplemented by district sorting pattern.

(b) No, Sir. Some complaints were received from a few Members of Parliament regarding delay to mails which have been looked into and the Members of Parliament replied to.

(c) In cases of delay if any noticed, mail arrangements are reviewed and remedial action taken. Revival of old sorting pattern would not be in the interest of efficiency.

**Petrol pump/diesel outlets in the country**

*173. SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of petrol pump /diesel outlets in the country at present;

(b) the number of LPG distributorship/agency in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) whether adequate/proper representations have been given to SC/ST applicants for the above outlets/agencies according to Government policy and guidelines; if not, by when the proper representation will be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) As on 1-1-86, there were 13231 Retail Outlets (Petrol/Diesel) in the country.

(b) As on 1-1-86, LPG agencies in the country and in Andhra Pradesh were 2599 and 265 respectively.

(c) The planned number of retail outlets/LPG distributorships for the duration after the introduction of reservation for SC/ST is in accordance with the stipulated percentage.

**Top vacant posts in Tyre Corporation**

*174. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tyre Corporation of India in West Bengal has not been given a full-time General Manager and that important posts like those of Executive Director, Production Manager, Personnel Manager, Finance Manager, etc have never been filled up since its inception in 1984; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) Tyre Corporation of India Limited, Calcutta, has got a full-time General Manager since its inception. Three posts of Board level Executive Directors, namely, Managing Director, Director (Production) and Director (Finance) have been created and are in the process of being filled up. The company has since recruited General Operations Manager, Technical Manager, Personnel Manager and Works Accountant and presently has full complement of departmental managers including Finance Manager,